

Matthew 27:3-10 **End of Judas Iscariot the Betrayer**

3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" 5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." 7 And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, 10 "and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." [Matthew 27:3-4]
- ✧ It appears that Judas was surprised at the decision of the Counsel to put Jesus to death, by his remorseful reaction in returning the money and confessing that he had betrayed innocent blood.
- ✧ Some have suggested that Judas did it with the intent that Jesus would use His divine power to save Himself and would immediately set up His kingdom and deliver Israel from Roman oppression.
- ✧ The Chief Priests were not impressed by the plea of Judas, and rejected his attempt to undo what he had done in betraying Jesus. They said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" [Matthew 27:4]
- ✧ When people are determined to put someone to death, there is nothing in the way of proof that will alter their determination.
- ✧ Truth was not in the interest of the jealous religious leaders of Israel at the time, so they were not swayed by the confession of Judas, they had what they wanted.
- ✧ It was their intention from the start to put Jesus to death. [Matthew 12:14, 21:45-46, 26:3-5, 59, 27:1, Mark 3:6, 12:12, 14:1-2, 55, Luke 6:11, 20:19, John 11:53, 18:31]
- ✧ Because things had not progressed as Judas expected, he was disappointed and having a guilty conscience, he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. [Matthew 27:5]
- ✧ Judas had heard Jesus say, "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but **woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!** It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." [Matthew 26:24]
- ✧ We know that **remorse did not save Judas**, because Jesus said, While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost **except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.** [John 17:12]
- ✧ And in the Apostles prayer seeking a replacement for Judas, said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which **Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.**" [Acts 1:24-25]
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✧ Here the Chief Priests demonstrated their full knowledge of their own sin and guilt, but it did not bring them to repentance.

✧ However their action did fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah. [\[Zechariah 11:12-13\]](#)